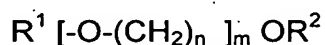


**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Previously Presented) A process of dyeing a molded article comprising the steps of
- (i) immersing at least a portion of said article in a dyeing bath that contains a carrier and a tinctorial amount of at least one dye, said bath maintained at a temperature of 90 to 99°C and
  - (ii) retaining said portion in said bath for a period of time sufficient to allow a tinting amount of dye to diffuse into said article, and
  - (iii) removing said article from said bath,

wherein molded article comprise at least one polymeric resin selected from the group consisting of (co)polyester, (co)polycarbonates, acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene, polyamide, polyurethane, polyalkyl(meth)acrylate and styrene copolymers, and wherein said carrier conforms to



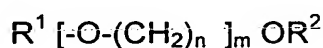
wherein R<sup>2</sup> denotes butyl, R<sup>1</sup> denotes H, n is 2 or 3, and m is 2-35.

2. (Currently Amended) The process of Claim 1 wherein the bath further contains an emulsifier selected from at least one of: ionic emulsifiers; amphoteric emulsifiers; and non-ionic emulsifiers selected from at least one of C<sub>14</sub>-C<sub>18</sub> ethoxylated unsaturated fatty acids, octylphenoxypolyethyleneoxyethanol and poly(oxy-1,2-ethanediyl), alpha-phenyl-omega-hydroxy, styrenated.

3. (Previously Presented) A process of dyeing a molded article comprising the steps of

- (i) immersing at least a portion of said article in a dyeing bath that contains a carrier and a tinctorial amount of at least one disperse dye, said bath maintained at a temperature of 90 to 99°C, and
- (ii) retaining said portion in said bath for a period of time sufficient to allow a tinting amount of dye to diffuse into said article, and
- (iii) removing said article from said bath,

wherein molded article comprise at least one polymeric resin selected from the group consisting of (co)polyester, (co)polycarbonates, acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene, polyamide, polyurethane, polyalkyl(meth)acrylate and styrene copolymers, and wherein said carrier conforms to



wherein R<sup>2</sup> denotes butyl, R<sup>1</sup> denotes H, n is 2 or 3, and m is 2-35.

4. (Currently Amended) The process of Claim 3 wherein the bath further contains an emulsifier selected from at least one of: ionic emulsifiers; amphoteric emulsifiers; and non-ionic emulsifiers selected from at least one of C<sub>14</sub>-C<sub>18</sub> ethoxylated unsaturated fatty acids, octylphenoxypolyethyleneoxyethanol and poly(oxy-1,2-ethanediyl), alpha-phenyl-omega-hydroxy, styrenated.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Original) The process of Claim 1 wherein dye is a water-insoluble dye selected from the group consisting of azo, diphenylamine and anthraquinone compounds.

8-11. (Cancelled)

12. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 1 wherein the molded article further comprises metal flakes.

13. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 3 wherein the molded article further comprises metal flakes.

14. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 1 wherein the molded article further comprises titanium dioxide.

15. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 3 wherein the molded article further comprises titanium dioxide.

16. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 1 wherein the molded article further comprises crosslinked polymethylmethacrylate minispheres.

17. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 3 wherein the molded article further comprises crosslinked polymethylmethacrylate minispheres.

18. (Original) The process of Claim 1 wherein the resin is aromatic polycarbonate.

19. (Original) The process of Claim 1 wherein the resin is allyldiglycol carbonate.

20-22. (Cancelled)

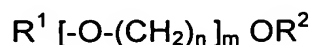
23. (Currently Amended) The process of Claim ~~22~~ 25 wherein said dye is a disperse dye.

24. (Currently Amended) The process of Claim ~~22~~ 25 wherein  $R^2$  is butyl and  $R^1$  is H.

25. (New) A process of dyeing a molded article comprising the steps of:
- (i) preparing a dyeing bath comprising the following sequential steps,
    - (a) mixing at least one dye with a carrier and optionally an emulsifier to form a dye-carrier mixture, and
    - (b) adding water to said dye-carrier mixture to form said dyeing bath comprising,
      - 94 to 96 percent by weight of water,
      - 1 to 2 percent by weight of said carrier,
      - a tinctorial amount of said dye, and
      - optionally 3 to 4 percent by weight of said emulsifier, said emulsifier being selected from at least one of: ionic emulsifiers; amphoteric emulsifiers; and non-ionic emulsifiers selected from at least one of C<sub>14</sub>-C<sub>18</sub> ethoxylated unsaturated fatty acids, octylphenoxypolyethyleneoxyethanol and poly(oxy-1,2-ethanediyl), alpha-phenyl-omega-hydroxy, styrenated, the percents by weight being based on the weight of said dyeing bath;
  - (ii) immersing at least a portion of said molded article in said dyeing bath, said dyeing bath being maintained at a temperature of 90 to 99°C;
  - (iii) retaining said portion in said bath for a period of time sufficient to allow a tinting amount of dye to diffuse into the bulk of said molded article; and
  - (iv) removing said molded article from said bath,

wherein said molded article comprises at least one polymeric resin selected from the group consisting of (co)polyester, (co)polycarbonates, acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene, polyamide, polyurethane, polyalkyl(meth)acrylate and styrene copolymers, and

further wherein said carrier is represented by the following formula,



wherein R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>1</sup> independently denote H or C<sub>1-18</sub> alkyl, benzyl, benzoyl or phenyl

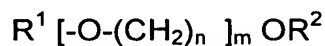
radical, n is 2 or 3 and m is 2-35.

26. (New) A process of dyeing a molded article comprising the steps of:

- (i) preparing a dyeing bath comprising the following sequential steps,
  - (a) mixing at least one dye with a carrier to form a dye-carrier mixture, and
  - (b) adding water to said dye-carrier mixture to form said dyeing bath comprising said carrier and a tinctorial amount of said dye;
- (ii) immersing at least a portion of said article in said dyeing bath, said dyeing bath being maintained at a temperature of 90 to 99°C;
- (iii) retaining said portion in said bath for a period of time sufficient to allow a tinting amount of dye to diffuse into said article; and
- (iv) removing said article from said bath,

wherein said molded article comprises at least one polymeric resin selected from the group consisting of (co)polyester, (co)polycarbonates, acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene, polyamide, polyurethane, polyalkyl(meth)acrylate and styrene copolymers, and

further wherein said carrier is represented by the following formula,



wherein and  $R^2$  is butyl,  $R^1$  is H, n is 2 or 3 and m is 2-35.